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SUBJ: NEW ROKG PRESS POLICY

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1. PRESS SOURCES REPORT KCIA PERSONNEL ABSENT FROM NEWSROOMS DEC 4-5, AS ROKG IMPLEMENTED POLICY (REPORTED REF A) OF REMOVING KCIA FROM DIRECT MEDIA CENSORSHIP.

2. G-2 SOURCE STATES THAT PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESMAN KIM SONG-CHIN BRIEFED PRESS DEC 3 ON NEW GOVERNMENT PROCEDURE IN WHICH CIA WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH MEDIA OPERATIONS, RATHER MINISTRY CULTURE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION (MCUI) WILL ASK FOR "COOPERATION" BY PRESS. KIM REPORTEDLY STRESSED PRESIDENT'S INTEREST IN HOW UNRESTRAINED PRESS WOULD COVER CABINET CHANGES AND HOW PRESS WILL RESPOND TO FUTURE REQUESTS FOR COOPERATION. KIM WARNED THAT IF MEDIA TAKES UNDUE ADVANTAGE OF LENIENT MEASURES GOVERNMENT MAY DO SOMETHING "UNEXPECTED."

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3. COMMENT: PRESS SOURCES INDICATE THAT MCUI HAS NOT

YET MADE CLEAR THE GUIDELINES FOR PRESS IN NEW
ENVIRONMENT. GOVERNMENT IS STRESSING
NEED FOR RESTRAINT AND "SELF DISCIPLINE BUT
SO FAR IN GENERAL TERMS.
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